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Reference: Docket # FAA-2002-14002 - 7  
*Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Area Navigation (RNAV) and  
Miscellaneous Amendments*

The docket is open for comments on the proposed rule regarding Area Navigation (RNAV). As listed, comments to the docket are being accepted through January 31, 2003.

The industry members of the Terminal Area Operations Advisory Rulemaking Committee (TAOARC) Joint Steering Committee (JSC) recommend granting an extension to the review and comment period of 90 days. The suggested date for the final receipt of comments to the docket would be revised to, as a minimum, May 2, 2003.

This request is proposed with the expressed interest in gaining an acceptable understanding of the document. This understanding is necessary to enable specific and salient comments to be written in respect to the proposed additions and revisions to current FARs. These considerations will ultimately affect large portions of the aviation industry, including many phases of operation. The need to corroborate the indicated language within the proposed rule against current operational practices, and expected future program goals, is critical to the further enabling of effective transitions and changes implied or required by the proposed rule.

Sincerely,

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